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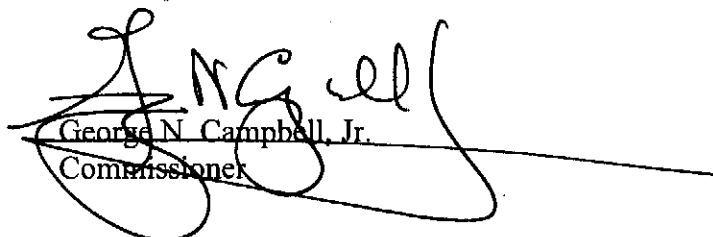
Re: TIGER II grant application, New Hampshire Northcoast Railroad Improvements

Dear Secretary LaHood,

It is my pleasure to submit the enclosed application for TIGER II funding for improvements to the New Hampshire Northcoast Railroad in New Hampshire. This project will provide capital improvements to maintain the viability of freight rail service on this line, which serves a large sand and gravel operation and other freight customers. The continued and expanded use of this railroad line will remove thousands of trucks per year from the parallel state highway, improving the safety and condition of our transportation system. It will also allow for future industrial expansion in this region of New Hampshire.

Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide on this application, and I look forward to your Department's review of our request.

Sincerely,


George N. Campbell, Jr.
Commissioner